GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:320
ANSWERED ON:05.09.2007
SPORTS REGULATORY AUTHORITY
Chakraborty Shri Ajay;Verma Shri Ravi Prakash

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to set up a Sports Regulatory Authority;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the time by which the Authority is likely to be set up;

(c) whether the Government also proposes to revamp, rejuvenate and reorient the Sports Authority of India, Indian Olympic Association and the National Sports Federations within the Olympic charter;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ, YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) to (e) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.320 FOR 05.09.2007 REGARDING SPORTS REGULATORY AUTHORITY ASKED BY SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA AND SHRI AJOY CHAKRABORTY.

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The draft Comprehensive National Sports Policy, 2007 prepared by the Ministry emphasizes the need for appropriate constitutional, legal and institutional measures to achieve the twin objectives `SPORTS FOR ALL` and `EXCELLENCE IN SPORTS`. The proposal to set up an independent Sports Regulatory Authority is designed to resolve sports-related disputes in an open and transparent manner by an independent statutory authority, specifically aimed and distancing Government from being involved with such dispute-resolutions as at present. The draft policy is still in the consultative process.

(c) to (e):The draft policy underlines the need for thorough revamp of the SAI and Nehru Yuvak Kendra Sangathan to enable them to shoulder additional responsibilities under the proposed Policy. It is also proposed to redefine Government`s relationship with IOA and NSFs consistent with the provisions of the Olympic Charter. Once the policy gets finalized, detailed action plans will follow.